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SPORTS



■ Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning will miss the entire 2000-2001 season due to a kidney ailment similar to what sidelined Spurs' small forward Sean Elliott. The condition, known as focal glomerulosclerosis, is a common but serious disorder which can lead to kidney failure. Mourning's doctors said there are no immediate plans for a kidney transplant or dialysis.

Soft spots for Sugar Road

Street crumbles a month after paving project

By Melissa Soto
The Pan American

Two soft spots on Sugar Road, which was paved just last month,

already have the city of Edinburg seeking help to begin repairs.

The soft spots, about three feet long each, are located on the south-bound lane north of the

Sugar Road traffic light.

Edinburg street superintendent Joe Zamora said soft spots occur when the hot mix layed over the gravel does not have

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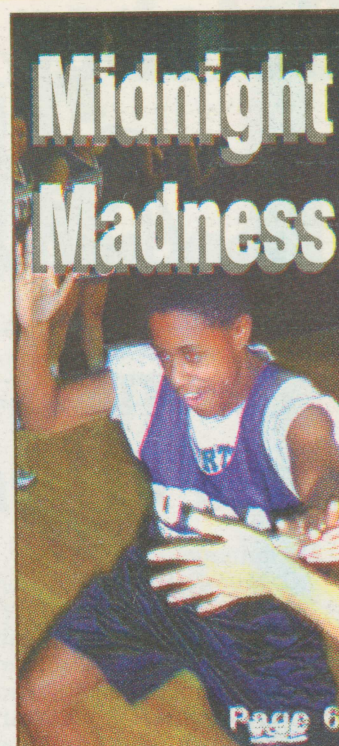


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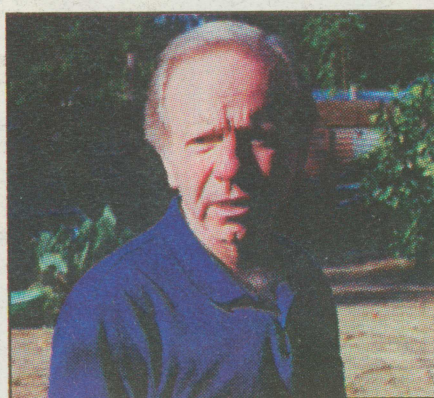
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—Matt Lynch/The Pan American

Joe Leiberman

Candidate questions Bush's work on colonias

By Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Leiberman visited colonia El Flaco in Hidalgo County north of Alton Friday morning, highlighting what he calls Bush's failure to visit these areas during his time as Governor.

The visit was part of Leiberman's "Failed Leadership" Tour of Texas.

"Bush has had priorities," Leiberman said. "In this state now which has a great economy, its time to raise up the basic services provided for the colonias."

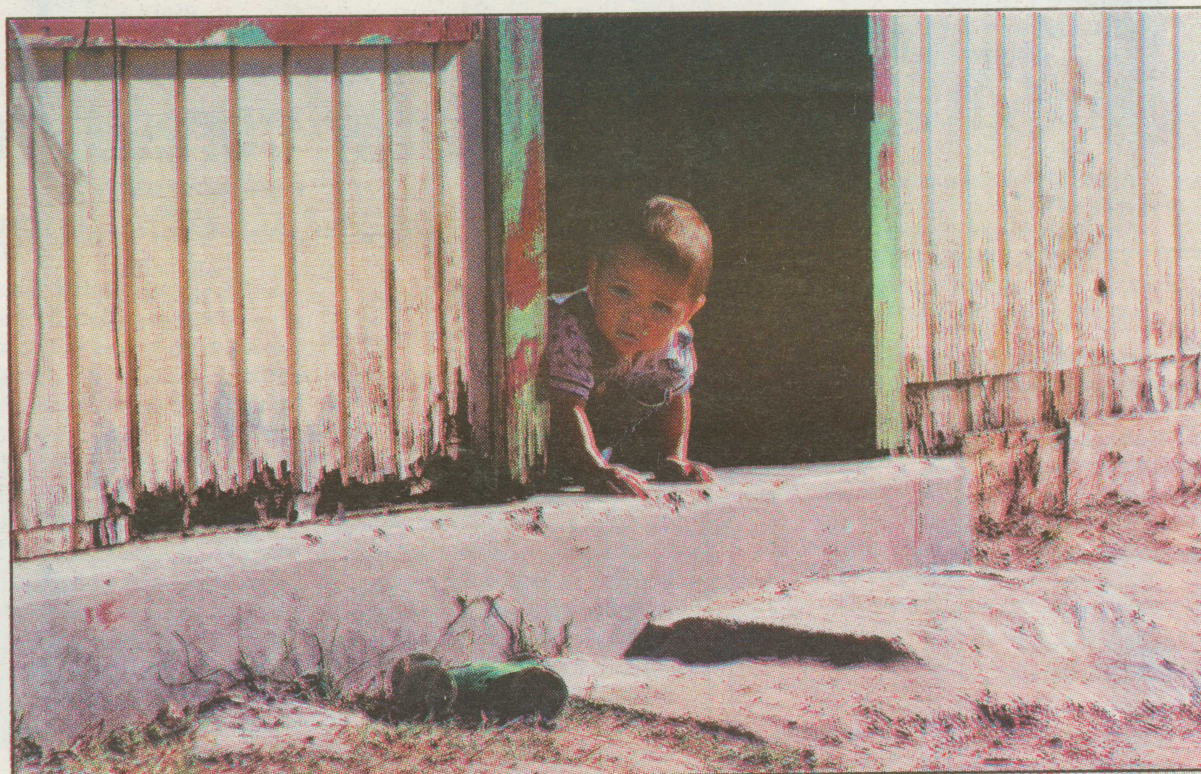
Leiberman claimed his purpose for visiting the colonias was to try and improve them. He said he wanted to meet with the people living there and see the problems with his own eyes.

"I want to take back with me these impressions and try to do something," Leiberman told the Lopez

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Leiberman visits Hidalgo County colonia

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—Matt Lynch/The Pan American

Nine month old Javier Carrizales crawls at the door frame of a colonia home in El Flaco on Friday morning during Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Leiberman's visit to the Valley. Leiberman stopped by El Flaco to witness the poverty of South Texas's colonias.

Water shortages biggest problem facing many colonia residents

By Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

Maria Lopez wakes up early every morning and collects water from a well shared by the entire colonia of El Flaco, which consists of about 100 families, to begin her daily chores.

Lopez, who has lived in

the colonia for over four years with her husband and two children, gathers water early in order to avoid the water shortage that normally occurs in the afternoon.

"One of our biggest problems is water shortage," Lopez said. "By the time the afternoon comes around there usually isn't any more

water. We have to wait until about nine or ten to take showers."

Beto Torres, plant supervisor at the La Joya Water Service Corporation, said he is not aware of any water shortages, and the problem the Lopez family may be facing is low water

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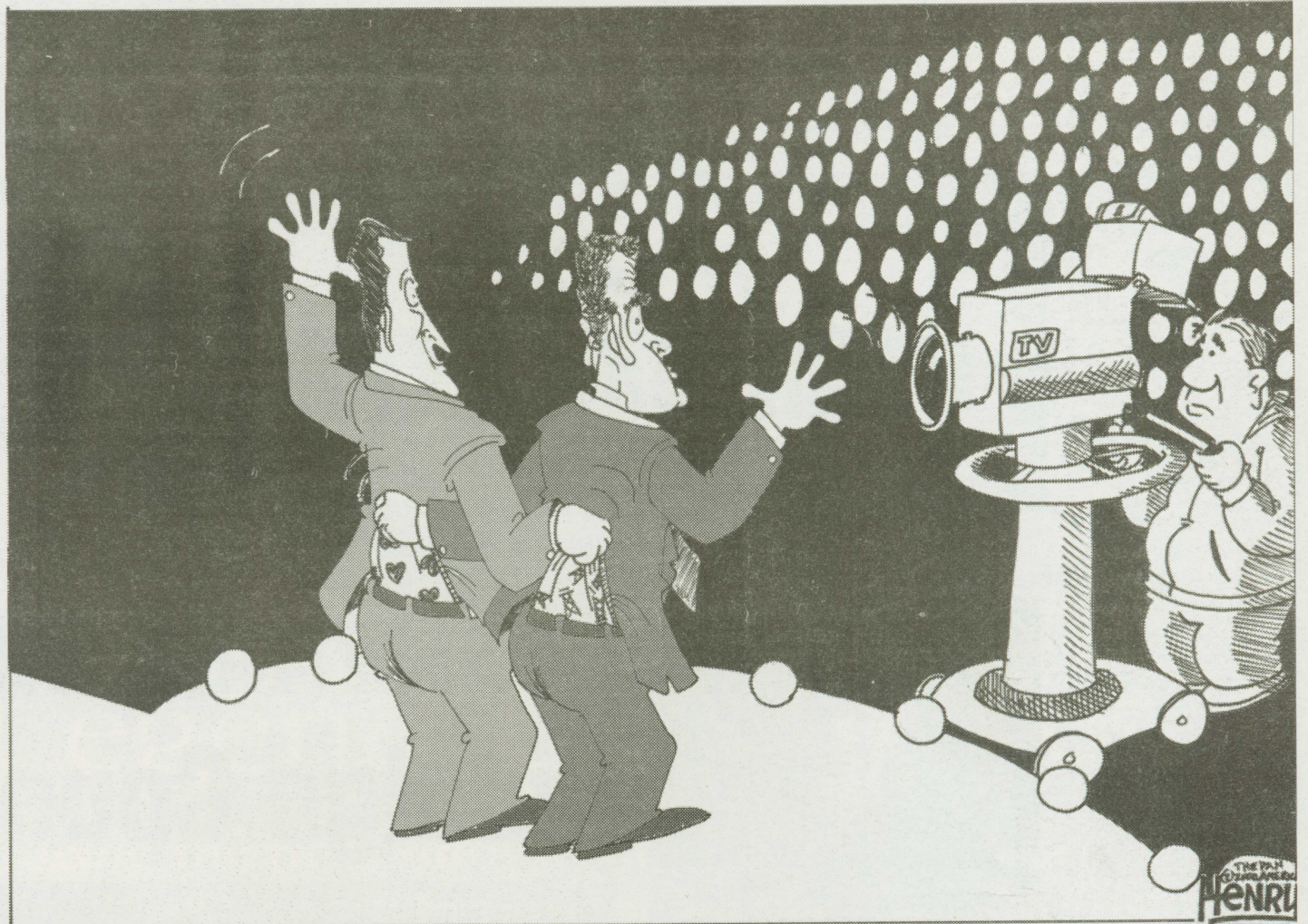
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A need for careful reaction

America faces test of willingness to push peace

By Ryan R. Henry
The Pan American

America now faces a bold moment in history.

As fighting continues in the Middle East, President Clinton met with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ehud Barak in Egypt. Reports Monday indicated the peace summit failed before it convened.

A Palestinian official said both sides disagreed on "all points" in the talks.

"The foreign ministers' meeting has ended without progress," Israeli spokesman Nachman Shai said.

Middle East violence, including riots and firefights, waged on even as the leaders in Egypt stared tensely over lunch without comment.

However unlikely, the United States hopes the two countries can come to some sort of settlement. Yet as casualties increase, the gap between both Israel and Palestine widens.

By all accounts, the failure of the peace summit is certain. But with Thursday's terrorist attack on the *U.S.S. Cole*, the United

States faces a similar decision.

Seventeen sailors died and 33 more were injured in last week's suicide attack on the destroyer. During the moments after the explosion, some quickly proclaimed the U.S. should avenge the deaths.

In fact, the U.S. takes all attacks on American lives seriously — many historical attacks on ships have begun wars. Think of the Spanish-American War, the sinking of the *Lusitania*, Pearl Harbor, or the "attack" on U.S. patrol boats that launched Vietnam.

In 1998, the U.S. immediately retaliated the bombing of an embassy. Our guided missiles struck back in what was deemed necessary by the president — with support from Congress — in the midst of the impeachment proceedings. The targets of the attacks were later discovered to be pharmacies.

The decision facing America now becomes this: A retaliation for the *U.S.S. Cole* attack discredits efforts for peace in the Middle East, while ignoring the attack may be a "sign of weakness."

Many Americans may even cry "blood for blood" in this case, pushing for retaliation.

Meanwhile, at least 101 people have died in the Middle East fighting. To avenge the deaths of 17 servicemen, no matter how much their lives do mean to this country, sends the message to Israel and Palestine that our talks of peace is simply preaching.

Do as we say, please, not as we do.

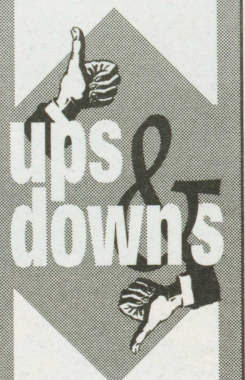
We have asked two countries to forgive the deaths of over a hundred citizens, but can we do the same concerning 17?

Human life is precious. We should aim to protect its sanctity, but to avenge our dead at this time could jeopardize hundreds of more lives if it means peace fails.

The nation must decide how to conduct itself. There should be a consequence for the attack on the *U.S.S. Cole*, but only in that it fosters peace. Military retaliation must be tempered.

The world will watch our action in the coming days, and our actions will speak volumes about our principles.

- Thumbs up to free afternoons.
- Thumbs up to a good book.
- Thumbs up to people who care about others.
- Thumbs up to success.



- Thumbs down to Sugar Road tearing up three weeks after paving project.
- Thumbs down to running out of gasoline.
- Thumbs down to wet newspapers.

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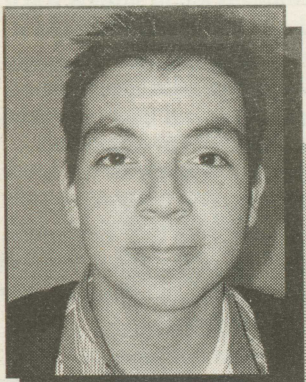
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Q&A

Do you think Vice Presidential nominee Joe Lieberman cares about the people living in colonias?

—Susanna Guerrero

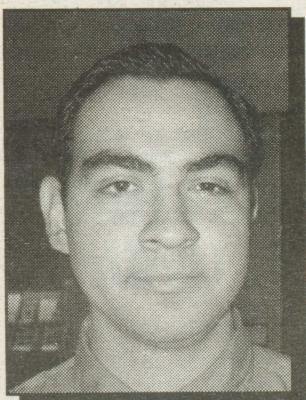


Enrique Ryeze
Marketing
Sophomore

I think he cares about his election, and not the people in the colonias.

Hector Rodriguez
Nursing
Graduate Student

I give him credit for coming down, but because it's right around election time, his reasons could be questioned. Bottom line, it looks like a political move.



Javier Rodriguez
Biology
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I'm glad he brought attention to the issue of colonias, but it is something that will be quickly forgotten after the elections.

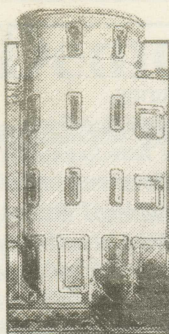
Maggie Ehimika
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Freshman

I'm sure he cares, but I think his primary concern was to win votes.



Raquel Ochoa
Accounting
Junior

I think he does care because he took the time to personally come and visit. I feel he wants to better their lifestyle.



Campus

news briefs

Learning Assistance Center celebrates 25 years at UTPA

Special to The Pan American

Dedicated to increasing retention and graduation rates through several academic programs, the Learning Assistance Center at UTPA celebrated its 25th anniversary last week.

Located in the Student Services Building, the LAC provides academic advisement, tutoring, Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) workshops, counseling and veterans assistance. The tutorial unit and part of the Counseling and Advisement Center are coordinated with the Special Student Support Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

"At some point, all students are going to need some

form of help, whether it's advisement, counseling or determining the right major," said Art Ramos, LAC director.

"If they have the will and determination, we're going to be here for them and help see them through," Ramos added.

Through a special allocation from the Texas Legislature, the LAC was created in fall 1975 with the support of Pan American President Dr. Ralph Schilling and current President Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez, who then was vice president for Student Affairs.

The tutorial component was presented to the University community Sept. 10, 1975, with the counseling component announced a week later.

During the celebration at the University Ballroom, Dr. Sylvia Lujan, former LAC director and current coordinator of academic assessment for Institutional Research and Planning, provided a brief overview of the program's history.

She and Ramos also thanked the administration, office staff and students for their support through the years.

"We've provided a vital service to the University and created several services that have spun off from us, such as the Office of Services for Persons with Disabilities, the Orientation Office and others," Ramos said. "Any service we thought the students needed that was not available, we provided."

Safety department considers lighting

By Jennifer Tapia The Pan American

The Safety Planning department is planning a project to put more lights on UTPA grounds to prevent accidents.

"I think it is a good idea because UTPA needs more lighting," said Sally Cavazos, UTPA junior. "We mainly need lighting in the pathways or in the grass areas."

Funds for the lighting project will come from the WCI Resource Allocation Program. Every year the safety planning department receives funds to start a new project for UTPA.

"We wanted to do a project that would really benefit Pan Am," said Carol Macheska, Safety Planning Secretary. "This year the lighting problems came into discussion."

Monday night Richard Costello, Director of Safety Planning will walk through the sidewalks of Pan Am with John Patton, Engineer Services Manager, to determine where there is a need for more lighting.

"We are going to walk through campus to find out where we need additional lighting," said Patton. "Once everything has been identified, we will meet with Central power and Light (CPL).

On Thursday the Student Government Association (SGA) will have a meeting to discuss about the identified places where UTPA needs more lighting. Clara Aguilar SGA vice president said that there are very dark places at Pan Am and it is a good thing they are doing something about it.

The safety planning

department has not received complaints from UTPA students about the lighting problems. However many students are especially concerned about their safety at night since it is so dark.

"We haven't got huge complaints from students," said Aguilar. "But you do hear people talk about how dark it gets at night."

Since the project just started, there are several steps that the safety planning need to follow. Contacting CPL will be a big step for the safety planning department, since they are the company that own the light post at UTPA.

"We are basically in the first phase of the project right now," said Tom Ramirez, Safety Tech for Safety Planning. "There is not a specific time frame since we just started."

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and Gonzalez family when he visited with them.

Concha Ortiz, resident of El Flaco, said Leiberman seemed sincere with his visit to south Texas. She added that there was a chance he was seeking votes by pointing out how Texas Governor George W. Bush ignored the colonias.

"Hopefully he really cares and will do something about it," Ortiz said in Spanish. "He probably came for both reasons. To see what Bush hasn't done and fix it."

Although Leiberman put down Bush while in the Valley, Vice

President Al Gore has given the Office of Colonia Initiative (OCI) awards for their involvement in colonias.

The OCI was created under Bush to improve living conditions in colonias.

In June 2000, The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the OCI its Group Honor Award for Excellence. The OCI was praised by the USDA for their involvement in improving Texas colonias.

Hidalgo County Republican Chairman Hollis Rutledge said Leiberman's visit was an attempt

at political posturing.

"It's unfortunate that these politicians came here to exploit these people with no real intention of solving the problem," Rutledge said. "They've been in authority for eight years and they've done nothing about it."

Leiberman praised the residents of El Flaco during his visit. He commended them for their efforts to better themselves.

"There's a pride here which I greatly admire," Leiberman said. "What they're asking for is not a handout. They're asking for things we take for granted. They're trying

very hard to make a better life for themselves and the community."

Leiberman said it's a shame people are living in this country without paved streets, drinkable water and affordable healthcare during this time of greatest prosperity.

"As you walk down these streets, this is not what we think of as America," Leiberman said. "We all have to work harder to better these conditions. It's a shame and embarrassment that in this country, we are proud to say is the greatest in the world, people are living like this."

Leiberman said the state failed to prioritize these areas in need when it came to economic aid.

"This is a question of priorities and when the state and federal governments are in surplus you try to take care of those who need it most," Leiberman said.

Leiberman asked people to compare their and their opponents records and decide which candidate to vote for.

"How do you decide which candidate to vote for," Leiberman asked. "One of the things you look at their records, and this place just cries out for help."

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pressure.

"They have water," Torres said. "It just has low pressure. The state regulates water pressure at 20 pounds per square inch (psi), but if they want 80 or 90 psi it's pretty impossible."

Torres said a new water storage tank is being built on Doffing Road off Farm Road 492 and should be done in the next three or four weeks.

"The new storage tank should solve a lot of problems," Torres said. "The new tank should hold

water to keep up with demand."

Lopez said as more people move in to the colonia water becomes more scarce.

"Part of the problem is that as more people move into the colonia the, water being shared doesn't increase," Lopez said.

Lopez saw Friday's visit by vice presidential candidate Joseph Leiberman to the colonia as a positive step to improving their living conditions.

Her family was one of two Leiberman visited with while at El

Flaco.

"This is a very good opportunity for you to come down here and look for yourself at the conditions we live in," Lopez told Leiberman outside their home.

Lopez also expressed to Leiberman concern about her children's lack of healthcare. She said she has to take her children to the doctor in Mexico because it is cheaper than buying health insurance on this side of the border.

"If we want to take them to a

doctor here without any type of insurance it could get really expensive," Lopez said. "Our children don't get healthcare because they are not U.S. citizens."

Leiberman encouraged the Lopez family to apply for aid in order to provide their children with adequate health care.

"We haven't actually applied for aid because our kids aren't citizens," Arnoldo Lopez told Leiberman. "We haven't taken them because we're almost sure they won't qualify."

Leiberman criticized the state for not doing enough to alleviate the problems El Flaco and similar colonias along the border region face.

"The state has not done as much as it should to make it easier for people that should get health care," Leiberman told the Lopez family.

Leiberman visited the colonia Friday morning to shed light on Texas Governor George W. Bush's failure to make any improvements to the area.



—Gabriel Hernandez/The Pan American

Soft spots in Sugar Road have surfaced within a month of repaving efforts by the city of Edinburg. City officials have said repair costs cannot be determined until Mission Paving evaluates the damage.

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enough time to dry. The sensitive areas can be pulled up by sticking to car tires.

Zamora noticed the soft spot Friday while he was driving. He has been trying to contact the supervisor of Mission Paving, the company in charge of the initial paving.

"We have to dig it up, work it, compact it and lay down

the hot mix," Zamora said.

Zamora said repair costs cannot be determined until Mission Paving evaluates the soft spots. Zamora believes the repairs should not disturb the traffic flow.

"They'll close off part of the south bound lane and leave the other lane open to direct traffic going north and south,"

Zamora said.

When repairs are scheduled, the south bound lane will be closed off for two days to allow the repair time to dry.

"It will take a day to dig up and redo," Zamora said. "We have to let the area dry before we pave it. Then we'll come back and apply the black top."

Navy visits family of Brownsville native injured in attack on U.S.S. Cole

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz
The Pan American

U.S. Department of the Navy representatives met with the family of a Brownsville native to officially notify them of her injury status following Thursday's attack on the USS Cole.

Seaman Elizabeth LaFontaine, (formerly Elizabeth Sanchez) was onboard the ship on deployment to the Middle East when the attack occurred. As the Cole was being refueled in Aden, Yemen, a rubber craft rammed the side of the ship, setting off 400 pounds of explosives and creating a 40 by 40 foot hole in the ship.

"I haven't spoken to the people of the press because I wasn't sure what I am allowed to say," said Isabel Sanchez, mother of the injured sailor. "I haven't allowed any television interviews, but my other daughter has talked to the press."

Sanchez will be flying to Germany with her daughter, Adriana, this afternoon to meet her daughter and son-in-law.

The Sanchez family was visited by officials from the Naval Reserve Center in Harlingen on Sunday morning at their Brownsville home.

Since Seaman LaFontaine is

married, her husband is the primary contact person in case of an emergency and was the only one notified immediately by Navy officials.

The seaman's husband, Jerry LaFontaine, who is also on active duty in the Navy was about to leave his Virginia port onboard his submarine. Once underway, it would have been unlikely he would have been evacuated in a timely fashion, but LaFontaine saw news reports and called the 800 number the Department of the Navy had set up for family members.

LaFontaine then notified his mother-in-law (Sanchez) in Brownsville and let her know his wife had been injured. Initial reports listed her missing, then injured.

Jerry LaFontaine was flown to Germany's Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) to be at his wife's bedside. Of the 33 living members of the crew who were injured, SN LaFontaine is one of six "critically injured" crewmen who will remain in Germany until their injuries are stabilized, Navy officials said.

"I'm doing pretty good," said SN LaFontaine from her hospital bed in Germany. "My husband's

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here and I just feel happy about talking with my mother."

The injured sailor said she didn't remember how she got to the hospital.

"They've been asking me if I remember what happened, but I don't remember anything," she said.

Sanchez said she had only been given updates regarding surgeries and room changes, but had not actually heard from her daughter until Sunday morning when the seaman made a collect call from Germany. Sanchez said in Spanish she had great faith her daughter would recover.

"Thank God that her husband called," Sanchez said in Spanish. "I told the hospital to tell her to call collect and when [the Navy members] came in I was on the phone with her."

Lieutenant Commander Alfredo Arredondo, a Valley native, who is the commanding officer of the reserve center, told Mrs. Sanchez she would be able to be visit her daughter in Germany and she agreed to try to fly out as soon as possible. Sanchez and her daughter, Adriana, will be flown through civilian (commercial) and Military Airlift Command means at the Navy's expense.

Arredondo worked to receive

special permission from the Navy's Bureau of Personnel in New Orleans, which handles family notifications, to authorize Sanchez's daughter to join her because the mother does not know English and feared she would encounter problems traveling into Germany.

Sanchez has two other children who are current or former Navy sailors, including Naomi Sanchez who is in Mayport, Florida onboard a Navy ship. Arredondo praised Sanchez for her contribution to the Navy and the country.

Arredondo said the U.S. Congress requires the Navy to have at least one reserve center in each state because one of its primary functions of the centers is to serve as a liaison between the Navy and its member's families.

Arredondo said Americans think recruiting efforts are strained when such events occur, but that patriotism, which people think is dead, increases, as do new enlistments in the military.

A large recovery ship has been sent to the Gulf of Yemen to carry the 400-foot Cole back to the U.S. for repairs because the hole is too large to survive the trip across the Atlantic, Navy officials said.

Democrats rally for voter support

By Melissa Soto
The Pan American

"Get Out the Vote" Rally in McAllen's Archer Park on October 14, focused on generating votes for presidential candidate Al Gore and his running mate Joe Lieberman.

"The Republicans have always been for those folks who have the most and care the least," said Bobby Guerra, chairman of the Hidalgo County Democratic party.

"The democrats are the people who represent the working people of this state, the working people of this nation," Guerra added.

Guerra spoke about Lieberman's visit to a Rio Grande colonia last week and referred to a statement issued by George W. Bush.

"[It] said there are no problems in the colonias, and there was no reason for Joe Lieberman to be criticizing the Bush administration for what it had done in the colonias," Guerra said. "In reality, what has happened is George Bush has never been around. And if he said things are better here, then he hasn't been here."

The rally, sponsored by the Hidalgo County Democratic

Party and the Democratic National Committee, featured several speakers. Former Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Henry Cisneros and United Farm Worker (UFW) Leader Dolores Huerta asked Valley residents to vote democrat on November 14.

"This election is not about personality, this election is not about the horserace or the excitement of campaign," Cisneros said. "This election is about the programs and policies that shape the future of our country. And it matters whether we elect Al Gore or George Bush as president of the United States."

Cisneros, who spoke in English and Spanish, called the Rio Grande the heart of the democratic party, naming several programs which have assisted South Texas minorities.

"The civil rights act, the voting rights act, handicapped rights, women's rights, education for our children, head-start, education for migrants—all these programs that have changed our country and formed our lives are democratic programs," Cisneros said.

Huerta, named top 100

influential women of the century by Ladies Home Journal last year, asked Valley residents to phone friends and family in the mid-west to gain democratic support for the election.

"What we need is a president and vice-president who are going to give us laws, who are going to give us legislation to help our families in the colonia and throughout the country," Huerta said.

Huerta also addressed the republican opposition of an increase in minimum wage.

"What about the working people?" asked Huerta.

"What's the minimum wage for the farm workers in the Valley? Three dollars and thirty-five cents an hour—can anybody live on that?"

Members of Young Democrats, a UTPA organization, attended the rally, and held posters stating "Save the planet, vote Gore" and "Bush keep your hands out of our uterus."

"We came to show our support for Gore and Letty," said Araceli Perez, Young Democrats member. "We want the community to know the younger generation is out there voting, trying to get the rest of their peers to vote too."

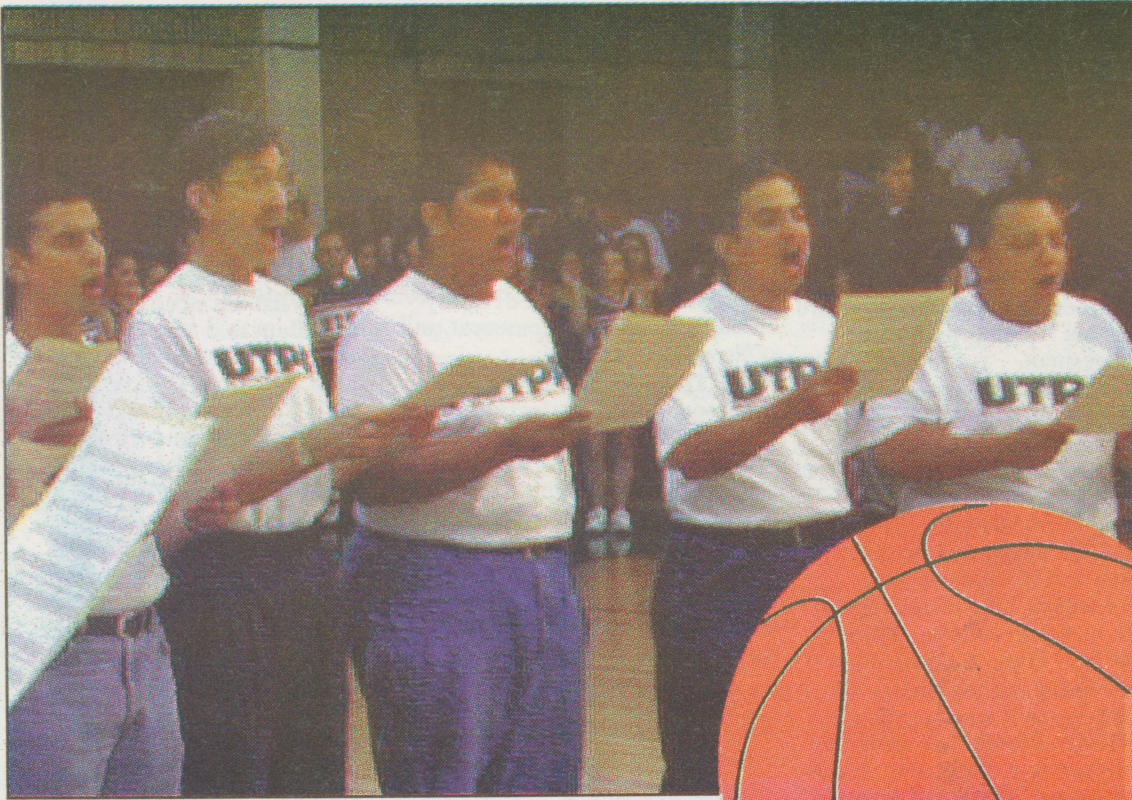


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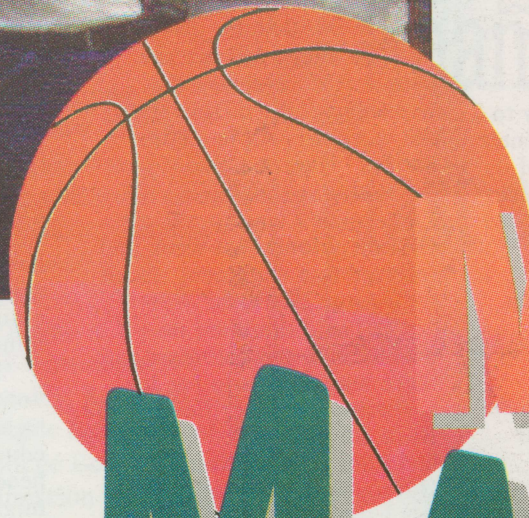




The UTPA Men's Choir shows its school spirit Friday night at Midnight Madness. The choir will also sing at the opening of the men's basketball game.

"It's fun, we like to come out and sing for UTPA. We are also going to be singing for the opening of the men's basketball team."

— Vivian Munn
Director of UTPA Men's Choir



MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Bronc fever takes over at UTPA as the men and women's basketball teams practice for the first time late Friday night

By Jennifer Tapia
The Pan American

Midnight Madness kicked off a new season for the UTPA basketball teams Friday night at the Fieldhouse.

"This is my first time here," said Patty Villareal, UTPA Sophomore. "I am really having a great time."

The night started out with the 3 on 3 basketball championship in which the Waterboys won the men's division. The Lucky Charms won the women's division. The winners received a prize of \$200 and Midnight Madness t-shirts.

The ROTC organized a push-up challenge in which several organizations competed to see who did the most push-up in four minutes. There were no prizes available for the participants, but the winners for the competition included the ROTC, and the Health and Kinesiology Club who came in first and second respectively.

The obstacle course challenge took place after the pizza give-away. Each student organization was assigned a Bronc or Lady Bronc player to help them take a shot from mid-court. Winners for the contest received a prize of \$300 for their organization.

"We want to use the money for our student organization," UTPA Junior Dora Andrade said. "We are going to have a great time."

The Bronc Blazers united with the UTPA cheerleaders to dance away for the Midnight Madness crowd. Their main performance was "Kryptonite," which included many demos of other artists.

"It's pretty fun," Bronc Blazer Erica Chavez said. "It is good to see that a lot of people came."

While fans cheered for the Broncos at Midnight Madness, other dance routines were performed, including a few by the basketball players.

"We just went out there to have fun," Bronc Basketball Player Trenn Smith said. "I am excited. We're now getting ready to play out there."

Soon after dance routines finished, the crowd went silent so that the Men's Choir could perform the National Anthem and the UTPA Alma Mater.

"It's fun, we like to come out and sing for UTPA," said Dr. Vivian Munn, director of the

men's choir. "We are also going to be singing for the opening of the men's basketball team."

The Lady Broncos start off their season with new head coach Karen Nicholls. With the support of UTPA, the Lady Broncos hope to achieve their goals and reach for a better record.

"The girls have worked hard for me, so we have a lot to look forward to," said Nicholls. "We have 17 home games this year and it's a big advantage for us."

The night ended with the student organization challenge, in which clubs competed in the Greek cheers and chant contest.

The top performers included the Health and Kinesiology Club, Delta Zeta, and Sisters Dedicated to Latin Cause. The top performers will face off at the UTPA fieldhouse, where the Bronc Basketball team will compete against the University of Portland. Awards for the winners will be given.

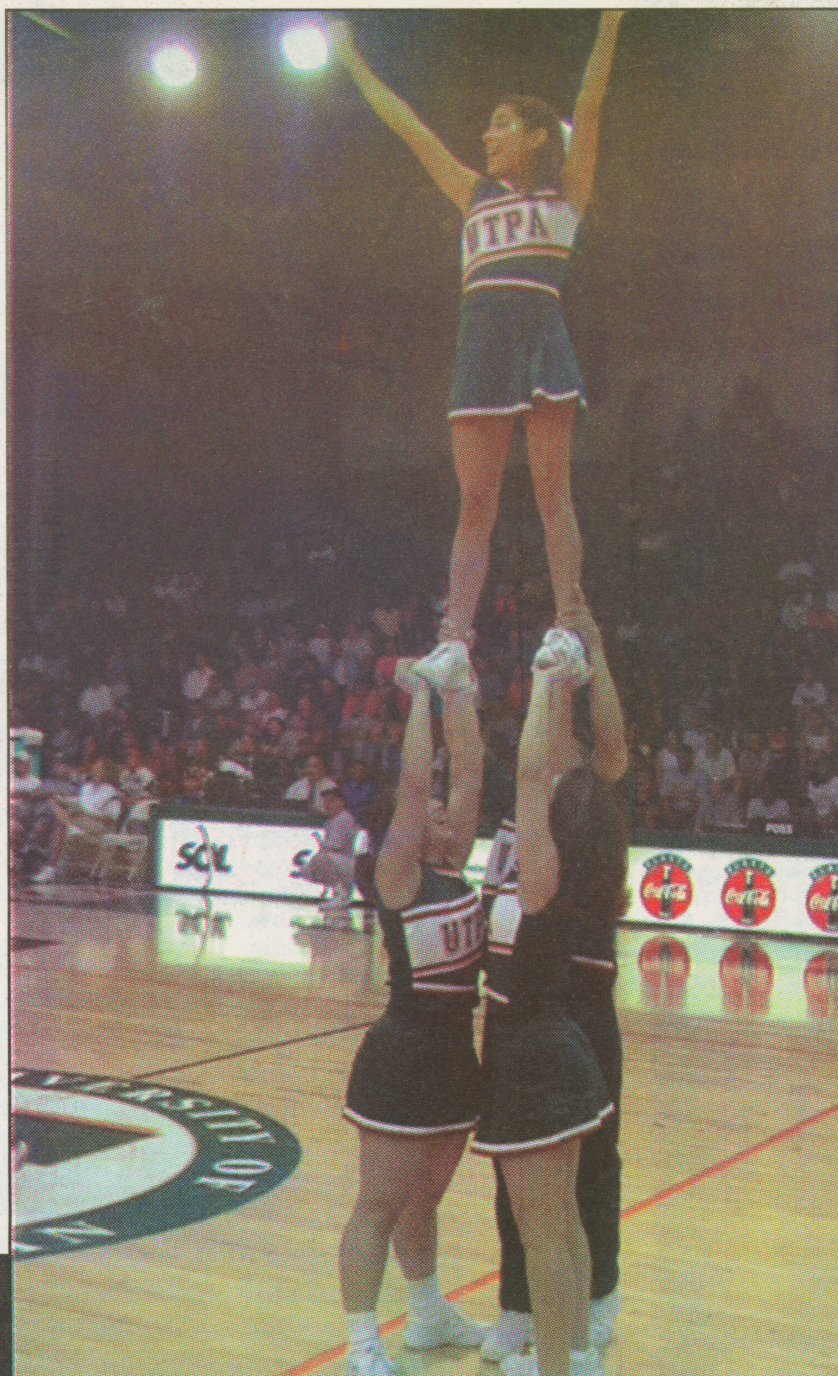
"We just went out there to have fun. I am excited. We're now getting ready to play out there."

— Trenn Smith
Bronc Basketball Player



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(Above) - National Cheerleading Champions Monica Garcia and Mariela Yarritu get help from alumni David Juarez to lift teammate Christal Mata for Friday night's Midnight Madness.

(Left) - Senior Chevron Terry receives cheers as she runs through the player's corridor for Friday night's Midnight Madness. Terry, plays guard for the UTPA women's basketball team.

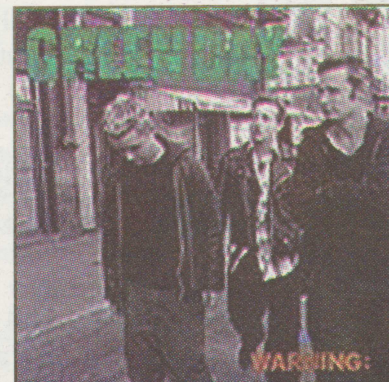


ENTERTAINMENT

CD Review—

'Warning,' new CD from Green Day, proof of band's decline

By Ashley Brooks
The Pan American



'Warning' -
Band's new CD
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Most bands tend to get better the longer they have been around, but as always, Green Day isn't one to follow the crowd.

Their sixth and newest CD, "Warning," plays worse than a recording of a grade school choir. With its members nearing age 30, including lead singer and guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong, Green Day's witty and cutting-edge grunge has given way to aging lyrics and recycled music.

Still feeling the success of "Nimrod" (1997), Green Day should have stopped while it was ahead. "Warning" feels like an insincere attempt to keep the band's name alive among top alternative rock groups, depriving its listeners of the Green Day they have come to know and love.

The entire album sounds like the band is struggling to regain the popularity bands usually lose the older they get. In some cases it works, in this case it obviously did not.

Despite its introduction on the Billboard 200 Musical Charts this

week at number four, "Warning" is not as good as the hype would lead people to believe.

While the songs are catchy enough to stay in one's head, the continual replay is painful. Whatever interest is sparked by the 12 tracks on the CD is lost the second time around. There will never be enough ways to analyze the song "Deadbeat Holiday" to make it possibly make sense. Other songs like "Blood, Sex and Booze" and "Macy's Day Parade" leave

listeners just asking "Why?"

The lyrics sound like mindless observations and clichés stretched to their limits—"Today is the first day of the rest of our lives," from "Church on Sunday." Most of the songs read like immature poems that's main purpose is to rhyme. The vocals are sloppy and tired sounding as California-native Armstrong tries to continue whatever accent it is that he imitates.

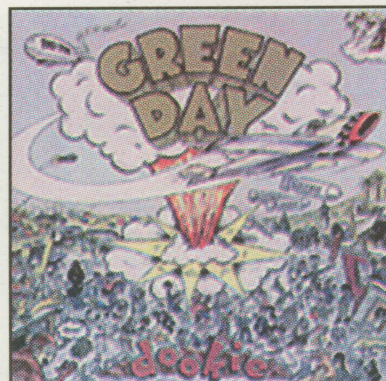
And the music, which varies little between songs, lacks an attention-getting edge. Everything sounds the same almost to the point that if there were no lyrics, each song would run together, forming an annoying tangle of guitar, harmonica, mandolin, drums and accordion.

Overall, this CD is likely to be a disappointment to even the most die-hard Green Day fans.

Warning: this CD is not worth \$13.



'Nimrod' -
Fifth CD from
Green Day.



'Dookie' -
First major hit for
the band.

Campus Calendar

October

Tuesday, October 17, 24, 31
The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will meet each Tuesday in October from noon to 1 p.m. in the science building, room 1.288. All student interested in a career in the medical health field are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, October 17
"Preparing for Graduate School" workshop in SSB room 153, noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18 Peace Corps of America will have a table in the Student Union all day and an information session from 5 to 6 p.m. in SSB room 153.

Wednesday, October 18 The John Deere Company and Chase Bank of Texas Global will be conducting interviews on campus in SSB room 147. Interested students need to sign up at Career Placement Services.

Thursday, October 19 Dell Computer Information Session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Engineering Building Auditorium. Dell will also be conducting interviews on campus on Friday, October 20 in SSB room 147. Interested students must sign up for the interviews at Career Placement Services.

Wednesday, October 25 - Sunday, October 29 "The Crucible," a play based on actual Salem witchcraft trials in 17th century Massachusetts, will be performed in the Communications Arts and Sciences Theater at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Reserved seating is available for \$10 by calling the College Box Office and general admission will be sold at the Box Office each night of the performances for \$5. For more information call 381-3581.

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Sports Calendar

October 18	Volleyball  Lady Broncos vs. Texas Southern Fieldhouse 7 p.m. NOTES: After going 2-1 at the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi tournament, the Lady Broncos will try to use their momentum to improve on a 3-2 home record.
	Volleyball  Lady Broncos vs. Texas Southern Fieldhouse 7 p.m. NOTES: The Lady Broncos defeated Texas Southern in each of three matches last season. Only one of their matches went past three games.
October 19	Cross Country  Southwest Texas short-course meet NOTES: In the Southwest Texas State Classic, the men's and women's team placed seventh and fifth, respectively.
	Men's Golf  Stephen F. Austin State Invitational NOTES: The Broncos had one month to prepare for the invitational after finishing fourth in a ten team competition.
October 20	Basketball  Broncs vs. Monterrey Tech (exhibition) Fieldhouse 7:30 p.m. NOTES: The first exhibition game at home for the Broncos.
October 23-24	
November 6	

Volleyball team sets records while going 2-1 at tournament

Sports Information

The University of Texas-Pan American Volleyball team wrapped up play at the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Quad Match Saturday afternoon with a record setting performance against Northwestern State University.

The Lady Broncos set three records and had eight performances, both individually and as a team, rank among the top five in UTPA history. Senior setter Lorena Lopez set a school record with 75 assists, topping the old mark of 70 by Marie Velasquez, set four years ago. As a team the Lady Broncos set a school record of 79 assists, two more than the old record set in 1990. UTPA's 263 attack attempts against the Demons were the most in school history as well.

The Lady Broncos just missed another record with 88 kills, one off the school record. Their 114 digs is the fifth highest single-game

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total in UTPA history. Individually, Debbie Puente and Jaclyn Muszynski both had memorable matches. Puente, a San Juan native, had 27 kills, tying for the fifth highest total in school history and also had 77 attacks, the third most for a single match.

Muszynski, a freshman from Walnut, Calif., had a career high 25 kills in 69 attacks. Those totals rank seventh and sixth, respectively, all-time for a single match.

Unfortunately, the Lady

Broncs were unable to pull out the tight match. After winning game one 15-7, the Lady Broncos fell in games two and three by scores of 15-10 and 18-16. UTPA came back to win game four 16-14, and led by four points 12-8 in game five, but the Demons came back to score the last six points of the game to win game five 15-12.

However, the Lady Broncos bounced back to win the second match of the day against Louisiana-Monroe by a count of 15-6, 15-4, 10-15, 15-7. Lopez was among the stars again, posting 43 assists in just three games. Mindy Hubik, a freshman from Bedford, led the way with 17 kills. Muszynski had 13 kills. As a team the Lady Broncos hit .227. Senior Enith Villalobos had a game high 18 digs.

The Lady Broncos next match is on October 18th at the UTPA Fieldhouse against Texas Southern at 7 p.m.

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Cynthia Kasper attempts to make a dig during preseason volleyball practice at the Pepsi Sports Park.

Women's tennis earns top finishes

■ Lady Broncs earn titles in flight "A" and flight "D" singles

Matt Lynch
The Pan American

After just the second meet of the season, the Lady Broncs' tennis team has already won more individual titles than it had in the past 10 years.

Having won a doubles title at the Lamar Invitational, the Lady Broncs added to their total by racking up two more titles at the Stephen F. Austin Tournament this weekend. UTPA Freshman Celine Merlini took first place in Flight A by defeating Arina Uritani 6-4, 6-2.

UTPA Senior Sagnite Garcia also brought home another singles first-place title by beating Allison Lui of McNeese State 6-2, 6-2 in Flight D. Freshman Alana Breen also performed well, advancing to the finals of Flight E before losing to Candice Davis of the University of North Texas in a close match, 7-5, 7-5.

"The women played very well," head tennis coach Scott Howard said. "The teams that the women are playing right now and beating are the same teams that used to beat them all the time."

But while Howard is proud of the success the Lady Broncs have encountered this season, he is wary about what success might hold in store for his team. "You don't want to get too hung up on it, because we still have a lot of work to do," he said. "We don't want to disregard the success we've had, but at the same time we don't want anyone to feel over confident. All it takes is an injury or two and we could easily be losing most of our matches."

During the tournament, the Lady Broncs won 18 singles matches and lost nine. While Howard believes the women's

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team can still improve on doubles play, he is pleased with three flight victories in two events.

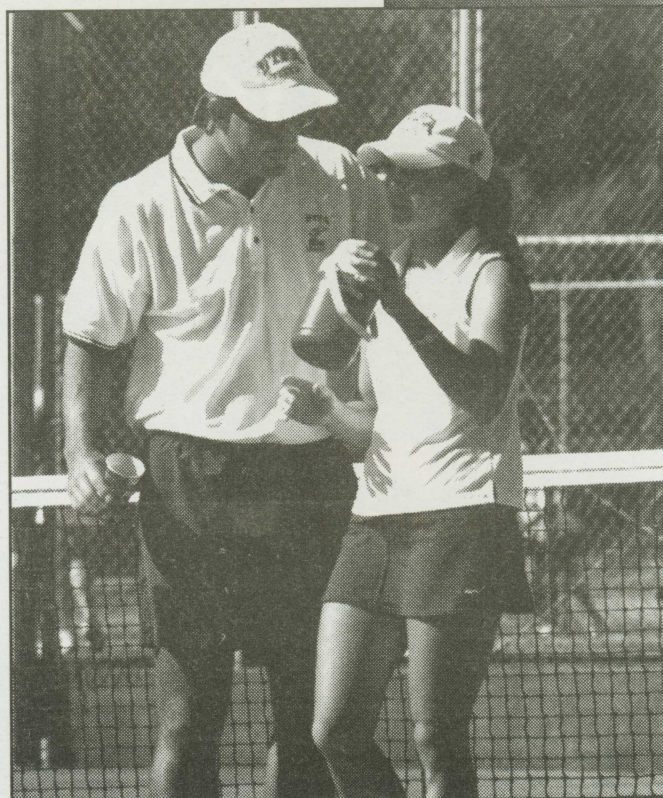
But all is not perfect with the Lady Broncs. According to Howard, many of the athletes are still suffering from nagging injuries, including Freshman Julie Fife, who has been suffering through a shoulder injury. Fife did not travel with the team to the Stephen F. Austin event and is awaiting the results of an MRI to determine the extent of her injury.

While the women's team has found success this season, the men's team has struggled through tournaments and invitationals packed with highly nationally-ranked teams. There were six top 50 nationally-ranked teams in the field at the UT-Arlington Invitational Oct. 13-15. The men's team got a strong showing from Senior Enrique Bastante, according to Howard.

"The men's field was very strong," Howard said. "Some guys had some decent wins." Howard knew going into the season that the men would face stiff competition in the Southland Conference, but feels the team has the talent to perform as well as the Lady Broncs. "The men have a stronger region than the women," he said. "Both teams

are progressing at the same pace."

Both teams have just under two weeks to prepare for their next competitions. The men head to the ITA Southwest Regional competition in Ft. Worth Oct. 28-30, while the women travel to the UT-San Antonio Tournament Oct. 27-28.



Above: Freshman Celine Merlini takes a swing during her finals match at the Stephen F. Austin Tournament. Merlini defeated Arina Uritani of Louisiana-Lafayette 6-4, 6-2 to win the match.

Left: UTPA head coach Scott Howard advises Junior Eve Nickelson during the Stephen F. Austin Tournament.

KSOX agrees to broadcast UTPA men's basketball games

Sports Information

The University of Texas-Pan American Athletic Department announced on Saturday the signing of a contract with KSOX Radio to broadcast all UTPA men's basketball games live over the radio for the 2000-01 season.

All 26 UTPA Men's Basketball games, both home and road games, will be televised by KSOX. Jeff Koch will handle the play-by-play duties for the broadcasts.

It marks the first time in UTPA history that all home and away games will be broadcast for UTPA men's basketball.

"KSOX sports is clearly the

premier radio station for sports programming in the Rio Grande Valley," said UTPA Athletic Director William Weidner. "Our partnership with the number one sports radio station in the region further establishes our credibility in regards to UTPA Athletics being a definite program on the rise. All Bronc fans throughout the region will now have the opportunity to follow the excitement of UTPA Basketball as our program takes on an impressive and challenging schedule this season."

UTPA will open the 2000-01 season with an exhibition against Monterrey Tech on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Two weeks later they will open the regular season with a 7:30 p.m. tip-off against Sul Ross on December 18th.

In addition to a pair of exhibition games, the Broncs will start off the season with three home games, and include contests against teams such as 2000 NCAA Tournament participant Louisiana-Lafayette, regional rival Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, University of Portland, Belmont University and Arkansas State at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

On the road, the Broncs will take on some of the best competition in the nation including Big 12 schools Missouri, Texas A&M and Kansas State.

On December 29 and 30, the Broncs will travel to Oklahoma City, Okla., to compete in the prestigious All-College Tournament.

The tournament will feature the University of Oklahoma, from the Big 12, Western Athletic Conference member Southern Methodist University and Oral Roberts University, from the Mid-Continent Conference.

"We are pleased and excited about this new partnership with the University of Texas-Pan American," Lance Hawkins KSOX General Manager. "KSOX is proud to be the exclusive radio station for broadcasts

of the men's basketball program. We feel under the leadership of Coach Bob Hoffman, there are many successful days ahead for the team and UTPA and we are very happy to be a part of it."

"As the Valley's only sports station, it is only fitting that we partner with the only Division One team in South Texas," Jeff Koch-KSOX Sports Director. "My only concern is being able to keep pace with the up tempo style of the Broncs while I'm doing the play-by-play. I can't wait for the season to start. The expectations have been raised based on last year's performance of the team and I look forward to a big season."



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